## REMARKS

The above amendment is formal in nature. It is supported by the Declaration submitted on September 27, 2000. In that Declaration, priority was claimed to PCT /US00/13706, filed May 17, 2000 and to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/316,472. Accordingly, no new matter is entered by this amendment.

Additionally, entry of this amendment does not require any substantial amount of work on the part of the PTO. Only a few corrections to the specification are being made by this amendment.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this case he is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at the below listed number.

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